

Welcome!



Thank you for visiting Hammocks Beach State Park. While you are here, please take the time to enjoy all that the Crystal Coast has to offer. Venture to Bear Island and reward yourself with vivid memories of one of the most unspoiled beaches on the Atlantic coast. Accessible only by passenger ferry or private boat, there is only one thing at Hammocks Beach that is crowded - the list of things to do!

- Stroll the beach with laughing gulls and sandpipers.
- Cast a baited hook into endless rows of foaming breakers.
- Discover tiny specimens of marine life in tidal pools and mudflats.
- Use a camera or paintbrush to capture the green and gold grasses that color the salt marshes.
- Spend the night among the sand dunes, the stars your only companions.
- Or simply bask in the sun and do nothing at all.

Secluded and tranquil, free from intruding commercialism, Hammocks Beach is arguably the best kept secret of North Carolina's Crystal Coast.

Information

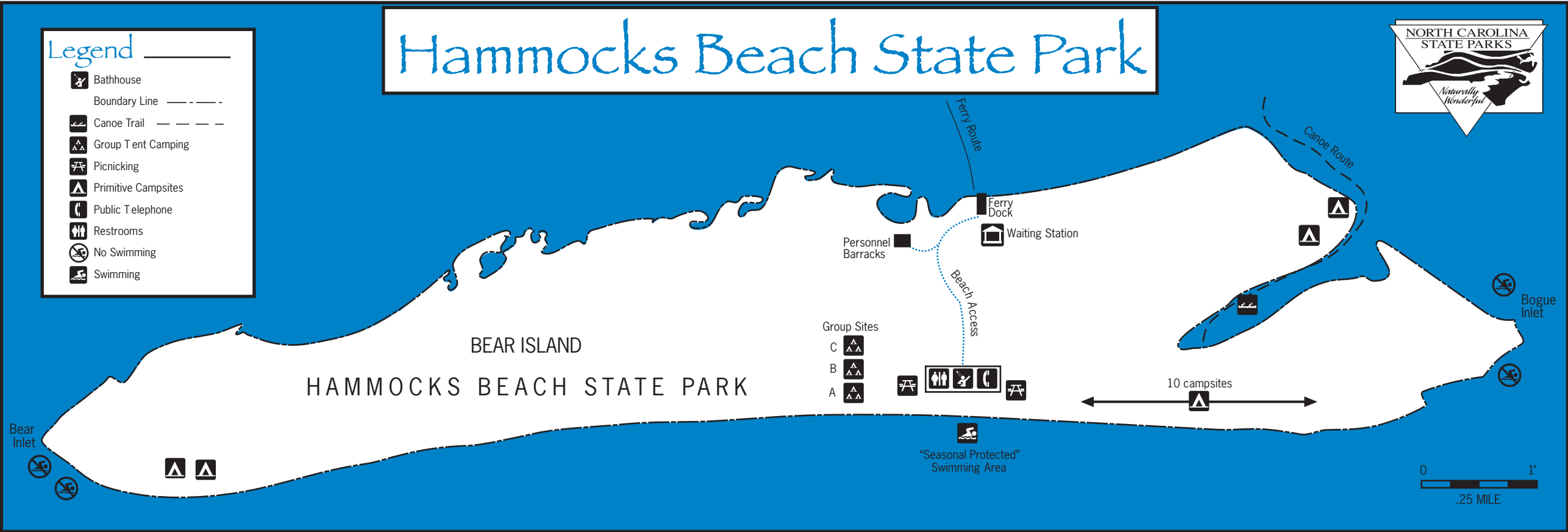
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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

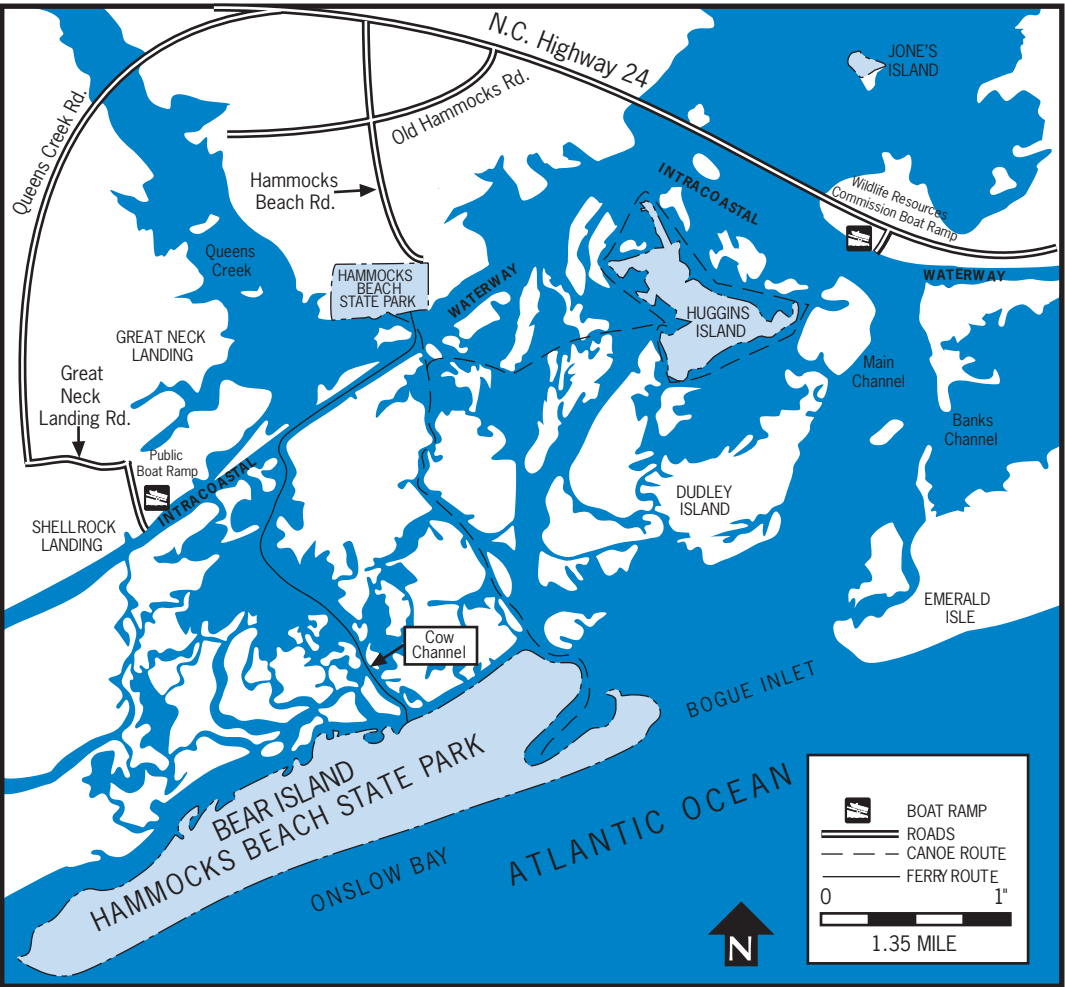
Q. Are there bears on Bear Island?
A. No. Bear Island was originally spelled BARE due to the lack of vegetation that was present on the island. Later, mapmakers changed it to BEAR to coincide with the neighboring area of Bear Creek.

Q. Can you make reservations for the ferry or for campsites?
A. No, it is first come, first serve.

Q. Are pets allowed on the ferry?
A. No, pets are not allowed on the ferry due to state health codes.

Q. Can you have fires on Bear Island or in your campsite?
A. No, open fires are not allowed in the park. We recommend propane or backpack camp stoves. (Note: if you bring charcoal onto the island you are responsible for taking it off of the island. Do not bury your charcoal or throw it in the ocean.)

Q. What is on Bear Island?
A. Primitive backpack camp sites, a designated swimming area, bird nesting areas, picnic shelters, a bathhouse and a concession stand.



Ferry Information

TICKET PRICES	
\$5	Adults
\$3	Senior Citizens (62 and up)
\$3	Children (ages 6-12)
FREE	Children (5 and under)

Everyone boarding the ferry **MUST** have a ticket.

MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND Thru LABOR DAY MONDAY & TUESDAY—	
Departs Mainland	Departs Island
9:30 am	10:00 am
10:30 am	11:00 am
11:30 am	12:00 pm
12:30 am	1:00 pm
1:30 pm	2:00 pm
2:30 pm	3:00 pm
3:30 pm	4:00 pm
4:30 pm	5:00 pm
5:30 pm (last trip)	6:00 pm (last trip)

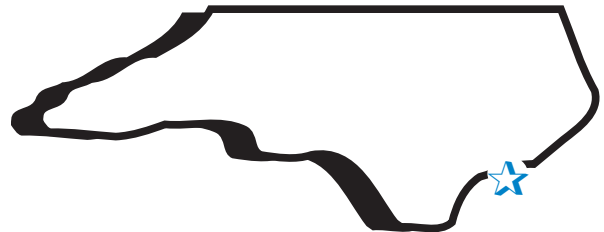
WEDNESDAY Thru SUNDAY—	
Departs Mainland	Departs Island
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The mainland portion of Hammocks Beach State Park is located in Onslow County between Jacksonville and Morehead City. From Swansboro, SR 1511 leads to the park entrance adjacent to Queens Creek. From here, the passenger ferry departs for Bear Island. The island is also accessible by private boat or marine taxi service.

Park Hours

September - May
June - August

8 a.m. - 6 p.m.
8 a.m. - 7 p.m.